

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, line 2, before the paragraph entitled "**FIELD OF INVENTION**", insert the following paragraph:

--RELATED APPLICATION

This is a division of U.S. Application No. 10/236,679, filed September 6, 2002 which is a division of U.S. Application No. 09/565,908, filed May 5, 2000 which is now U.S. Patent No. 6,471,774 which was granted on October 29, 2002.—

On page 10, line 7 after "robot 5", please insert –having an arm 13–. The paragraph in which this change occurs should appear as follows:

Fig. 1 shows the automated system 80 of the present invention where a fluid dispenser 47 having an applicator tip 49 is used to apply a fluid to an object (not shown). A compliance mechanism 10 is utilized to assist in maintaining the applicator tip 49 of the fluid dispenser 47 in contact with the object during the coating operation. A robot 5 having an arm 13 is utilized to advance the object past the applicator tip 49 during the coating operation. The fluid dispenser 47 is mounted on a movable arm 81 to allow the fluid dispenser to be moved or rotated into and away from the position where fluid is applied to the object. The automated system 80 provides a fluid application system that

can apply a precise and repeatable layer of fluid to an object. The use of the robot 5 allows larger objects to be easily handled and for the coating process to be done in a rapid fashion. The automated system is flexible and can readily accommodate changes in the object that is to be coated or the configuration of the coating that is to be applied to the object. The specifics of the automated system and components that comprise this system will now be described in detail.